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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DIGITAL COMPRESSOR FOR MULTI-  
CHANNEL AUDIO SYSTEM

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Examiner: D. E. Faulk

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 20, 2008, for which a response was due on January 20, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 1-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 20, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.